

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, and 25 have been amended. Claims 1-28 remain in the case.

The applicant appreciates the thoroughness of the review by Examiner Chester Barry and the indication of allowable subject matter. The detailed level of helpful suggestions provided by the Examiner is most unusual and greatly appreciated. Thank you greatly for this effort.

A petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and payment thereof for a one month extension is attached hereto.

The specification has been corrected to recite a derivative of the root "adsorb" instead of "absorb" at each know occurrence thereof. Thank you.

Page 32, last paragraph, has been corrected to recite "available from the Calgon Corporation". Thank you.

A corrected **FIG. 8** is enclosed. Thank you.

Claims 2 and 4 were corrected to recite that the extracting results from the contacting. Thank you.

Claims 7 and 8 were corrected to recite "bonds". Thank you.

Claim 25 was corrected to eliminate the two repeated words. Thank you.

The title was corrected to remove "or organic solvents". Thank you.

Accordingly, all requested changes have been made and the application is now believed to be in condition of allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

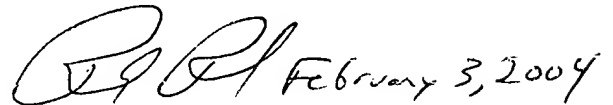
The prior art made of record and not relied upon that is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure has been reviewed by the undersigned, but is deemed no more relevant than the applied references.

As all remaining claims 1-28 appear to be in condition of allowance, reconsideration thereof is respectfully

requested, and a notice of allowance is courteously urged at the earliest time.

The applicant appreciates the opportunity to communicate by telephone with the Examiner if necessary. Please continue to direct all correspondence to the correspondence address and telephone as shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, followed by the date "February 3, 2004".

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